

Saturday 28th June 2025 - Performances at **3.0 p.m.** and **7.0 p.m.** - **In a Primitive Physick Garden**

Caroline Clemmow and Susan Hollingworth

Tickets, £12, from the Old Rectory limited to 40 per performance, include a concert, a guided tour of the Physick garden and refreshments, all at the Old Rectory.

See handbills available in church

Sunday 29th June 2025

10.30 a.m. - **Rev. Stuart Gunson**

4.0 p.m. - **Rev. Debbie Caulk**

The service will include the baptism of the grandson of Kerry and Richard Sutton.

Monday 30th June, 2025

9.30 - 11.30 a.m. - **CHATTERBOX**

Tuesday 1st July 2025

10.30 a.m. **Action for Children** Sponsored walk

Wednesday 2nd July, 2025

7.45 a.m. - **Prayers meeting by Zoom**

Wednesday 2nd July, 2025

10.0 a.m. - **Jack in a Box** A fun time for pre-school children and carers

Wednesday 2nd July, 2025

7.0 p.m. - **Bible study**

Saturday and Sunday 5th and 6th July, 2025

From 10.0 a.m. onwards - Sue and Jim Hollingworth are opening their garden as part of **Epworth Open Gardens**. All proceeds to Lindsey Lodge Hospice and St. Andrew's Church. Refreshments, live Music both days, Book Stall and Plant Stall. A ticket for all 10 Open Gardens costs £4. Sue can sell you one which will also give addresses of the other gardens.

Saturday 5th July, 2025

10.30 a.m. - **Messy Church** - A warm welcome for the whole family. Bible stories, songs, activities, food & fun.

Sunday 6th July 2025

10.30 a.m. - **Rev. Stuart Gunson**

4.0 p.m. - **Rev. Debbie Caulk**

Can you help?

The catering team are asking for china tiered cake stands, tea plates and cups and saucers, please. If you are able to donate, please speak to Pat.



It is time to order **Methodist Prayer**

Handbook for 2025/26. If you would like a copy please let Marion know by **11th July at the latest**, also stating if you need a large print copy.



Life without love is like a tree without blossoms or fruit. - Khalil Gibran

Action for Children Annual Sponsored walk, starting and ending at church, with a break for a sandwich lunch (provided). **Additional walkers are invited. We are also very grateful for all sponsors of this important charity.** Details of how to join the walk or how to sponsor may be had from Joan Topham.

District Safeguarding Fortnight

I have put on the safeguarding notice board in the schoolroom details of this and of the District Safeguarding Conference, with details of how to book on any of the events.

During the fortnight, District offers four sessions of Unconscious Bias Training, all by Zoom.

Friday	4 July	10.00 - 11.30
Thurs.	10 July	10.00 - 11.30
Thurs.	10 July	14.00 - 15.30
Thurs.	10 July	19.00 - 20.30

Unconscious Bias Training is mandatory (just once) for many office holders, including church stewards, pastoral workers, children, youth and family workers and worship leaders.

Many of us attended the training led by Debbie in January, but just a few did not. Now's your chance! *Andrew*

Raised beds

There has been some progress with the raised beds. The small one has been planted up. The herb garden has mint, marjoram, rosemary and lemon balm growing well. Please help yourself. The large bed is almost completely dug over. If you can donate any plants they would be much appreciated, as would help with planting and maintenance. Thanks. *Tish*

Fruit In the garden of the old house we had before moving to our present bungalow was a gigantic Bramley apple tree. Faithfully each year it gave us a magnificent crop which led me to risk life and limb climbing the tree to harvest the entire crop, and then to store stones of apples carefully wrapped and packed into shallow trays and boxes and placed on the rafters of our garage, a former wheelwright's workshop. They would see us through the winter, despite our passing on loads to family and friends. Many would be baked into pies, to go into the large chest freezer in the garage. This was in addition to the dessert apples also in the garden, some of which I planted myself.

Following our move to our present newly-built home I felt compelled to plant apple trees here, though I ensured they were all grafted on to dwarf stock, and carefully trained into cordons. The harvest is reduced, but so is the labour, and most years the crop will see us through a few months of careful use.

I wonder what those of our preachers who follow the appointed lectionary will have to say on Sunday. I imagine that we may hear reference to Matthew 7:20 **"By their fruits ye shall know them."** Oh dear! I don't know about you, but I find that a bit scary. When I judge myself it is along the lines of what I **intended** to do, rather than on what I **did** do. When I consider my own position, I can only hope that others might be just as forgiving of my failings.

The Galatians verse quoted in the inside flap of these notices is one I commend it to you, in the hope that you will take it as St. Paul intended - an encouragement rather than an accusation. Some of those reading this will also be reminded of those happy days when we were able to mount the Salvation Army Musical **Spirit** here in Wesley. I shall attach a link to a clip when I mail the notices to all who receive their notices electronically, with apologies to any who only receive the printed a copy.

For all of us, it is well to remember what St Paul had to say about his ministry to the church in Corinth:

I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. 1 Cor 3:6


May we be given the grace to yield the fruit of the Spirit in our lives.



Unless a tree has borne blossoms in spring, you will vainly look for fruit on it in autumn. - Walter Scott

But the fruit of the Spirit is
love, joy, peace, forbearance,
kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness and
self-control.
Against such things there is no law.
Galatians ch. 5; vv. 22-23 (NIV)

“ God prefers fruits of the spirit over religious
nuts. - Adrian Rogers

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	Our Church Prayer chain is now using WhatsApp, which is totally encrypted, adding to our security and privacy policy. If you have a prayer request (with permission from the recipient) or wish to know more about becoming part of the Prayer Group, please contact Pauline - 01427 875478 or Pat - 0777 649027 in the first instance.

Forbidden fruit a flavor has
That lawful orchards mocks;
How luscious lies the pea within
The pod that Duty locks!

Emily Dickinson (1830-86)

*This little poem is not about the fruit of the Spirit! It
is more concerned with the fruit God told Adam not to
eat. The poet is saying that it is a natural and power-
ful human urge to desire whatever is denied to us. I
leave it to our preachers to deal with the many
questions raised by that thought!*

The Orange

At lunchtime I bought a huge orange -
The size of it made us all laugh.
I peeled it and shared it with Robert and
Dave -
They got quarters and I had a half.

And that orange, it made me so happy,
As ordinary things often do
Just lately. The shopping. A walk in the park.
This is peace and contentment. It's new.

The rest of the day was quite easy.
I did all the jobs on my list
And enjoyed them and had some time over.
I love you. I'm glad I exist.

Wendy Cope

“ You've got to go out on a limb sometimes
because that's where the fruit is.
- Will Rogers

“ The trees that are slow to grow
bear the best fruit. - Molière



Wesley Memorial Church, Epworth

Notices for the week commencing

Sunday 29th June, 2025



“ Love is a fruit in season at all
times, and within reach of
every hand. - Mother Teresa